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Coming to You by Way of

The General Secretary

More About Columbus

● The story and influence of the International Convention staged in the Capit City of Ohio in July is going far and wide. A four-page picture article appears i the October issue of *Christian Herald*. This is by Kenneth L. Wilson, managin editor, who "covered" the sessions. Many reports have appeared in denomina tional and interdenominational publications. During the convention there wa exceptionally fine publicity in newspapers and on radio and television. Phili Bucci, of Philadelphia, Pa., well-known in the field of public relations, served wit the Columbus leaders in making known the Christian Endeavor story.

New Army Secretary Trained in Christian Endeavor

● "You may be sure I am proud of my connection with the Society of Christian Endeavor," the new Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker wrote in a letter to your General Secretary. The Detroit lawyer and former governor of Michigan continued, "I still remember the days when I wore the emblem CE and took an active part. I recall with great pleasure our association together at the time of the Evangelistic Mission to Youth in Detroit several years ago." Secretary Brucker has served in many ways in Christian Endeavor. He was general chairman of the "Youth Marches" campaign in Detroit in 1945 and was honorary head of the Evangelistic Mission to Youth in the automobile city in 1951.

Convention Story Takes Award

● The article, "We Went to Washington," by Rev. Frank C. Williams, pasto South Reformed Church of Brooklyn, New York, in the August 26 issue of *Th Church Herald*, has received first honors in the general contest of the 1955 *Churc Herald* Feature Article Contest. This story tells of six high school members of th Brooklyn Church who went to the World Christian Endeavor Convention in Wash ington in July of 1954. Rev. Mr. Williams states, "This experience set in motio a chain reaction that has brought new life to the church."

Headquarters Number — Easy To Remember

● Virginia Scott of Roanoke, Virginia, is not going to forget the street number of the headquarters of the International Society in Columbus. Writing about her visit to the building at the time of the convention she said, "We decided that the street number of the headquarters was significant C.E.-wise—the '1221' standing for our Christian Endeavor chapter, the 12th chapter of Romans and its 21 verses. We will never have any difficulty remembering the building any more."

For Your Information

● *Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. MacRae* are receiving congratulations on the birt of a son September 2. (Ken is president of Massachusetts Union.)—*Mr. an Mrs. Norman E. Brown* are the parents of a boy, David Thomas, who arrived Sep tember 14. (Norman is head of the Ohio Union.)—*Rev. Raymond E. Weiss*, fiel secretary of Michigan Union, and *Dorothy Benes* were married August 27. Mr Weiss is the daughter of *Dr. Louis H. Benes*, editor of *The Church Herald*—*Sara E. McCullagh*, former Michigan C.E. leader, was named "Teacher of the Month," b the Detroit Teachers' Association in June—*United States Congressman Harold H Velde* placed the prize-winning Citizenship letter of *Barbara Brodbeck* in the *Con gressional Record* of May 10.

Gene Stone

A Message

FROM

The President

IT IS A SACRED AND WONDERFUL PRIVILEGE TO SERVE AS YOUR president. I am humble indeed as I think of the great men of God who have preceded me in this office, and it scarcely seems possible that you have placed such opportunity in my hands. As I behold the multitudes of youth proclaiming "Christ Shall Reign," I am conscious of a deep undercurrent of power stirring about us. As I daily receive assurances of undying love and faithful service for Christian Endeavor, I am gloriously happy. What a day to be active in this great movement under God! He hath called each of us for this very day; He hath molded the day to be one of high opportunity.

I believe with all my heart that Christian Endeavor was formed out of the heart and mind of God to fulfill a great commission to the Youth of the World. Only a part of that commission is completed. New doors open daily. We must enter them for our Lord, for within are the tasks and the triumphs that only Christian Endeavor can accomplish. He has blessed us with continued life and vitality through long days of testing by fires of many sorts—and still we live and grow. We must keep on keeping on!

Our best is yet to be, if we believe God's promise. Let every union, every society, every Endeavorer set new goals for the day immediately ahead. The finest programs and most optimistic budgets will not be too much for this day of opportunity. Give the Christian Endeavor Pledge a new place in each society; let the true principles of the movement be the foundation for all we plan and do.

If every society would gain but five new members, if every local union would organize or enlist five new societies, if every state or province would revitalize but five of its constituent unions, the impetus it would give the total program would thrust us once more into unquestioned lead of all youth work today. Victory is there for the taking! Let us put lights in the darkened churches on Sunday evening where now no youth work exists. Let the voice of Christian Endeavor again be heard with its accustomed authority by new and aggressive programs of consecration and action in City and County Unions across the Continent.

I pledge you my best in leadership and service. In the Master's Name I challenge yours! Where I can be of service, call upon me; where you can serve, give yourself gladly. If we really mean it, "Christ Shall Reign," and Christian Endeavor shall know even greater days than its glorious past.

Earle V. Gates

TYPICAL CONVENTION STYLE—The banners, decorations and special seating of delegations helped give glamour as Endeavorers met in the large Memorial Hall in Columbus for the evening sessions of the 43rd International event. The girl on the front row (third from left) is Susan Elizabeth Poling, daughter of the late Chaplain Clark V. Poling, one of the four chaplains who lost their lives in the sinking of the S.S. Dorchester.

They Remember Columbus . . .

HOSTS FOR 1957—Delegates from Oregon who successfully persuaded International Society of Christian Endeavor to have its next convention in Portland are shown in front of Memorial Hall in Columbus. They are: Front row (left to right)—Donna Vogt, Marjory Boon, Nancy Merriman, and Elna Martin. Second row (left to right)—Charles Gore, Don Wallace, Dorothy Howes, Larry Hook, and Janet Veatch.

ON LEAVE FROM GERMANY—Corporal Robert McShan of Passaic, N. J., who is attached to the 540th Military Police Battalion, Frankfort, Germany, crossed the Atlantic to attend the convention in Columbus. He is welcomed by (left to right) Carolyn Davis and Carletta Jenkins of Columbus and Julian Moran, a vice-president of International Society

A FRIENDLY WELCOME—The Columbus youth went "all out" to make their visitors feel "at home." Ray Selbert, right, points to a sign as he gave a big "hello" to (left to right) Lorne Nichol and Bill Howden of Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Rex E. Thompson and Keith Locker, Covington, Ohio; Doris Clark, Columbus, and Mary Biggam and Betty Hulton of Toronto. Capital University was the scene of morning activities and the dormitories for nearly 600 girls and boys. Photo by Columbus Dispatch.

The 75th Anniversary - -

Diamond Jubilee

IT WILL BE A GREAT CELEBRATION!

Around the world youth are getting ready to observe a very significant event—the 75th anniversary of the founding of Christian Endeavor. The big week will be January 29-February 5, 1956.

Planning is in high gear. Materials are out to help unions and societies in their preparations. The Christian Endeavor Week Packet giving special attention to the Diamond Jubilee is available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. This contains a manual, radio and TV programs, a service for a consecration meeting in the society on Christian Endeavor Sunday, February 5, banquet and party plans, and many other helps. The cost is 50c per copy.

A new, attractive four-color outdoor poster giving the new biennial theme, "Christ Shall Reign," has been printed. This highway evangelism effort will play a very important part in the Diamond Jubilee. In 1955 the posters were "sold out." Headquarters have had twice the number printed this year to be sure to meet the anticipated demand because of Christian Endeavor's 75th birthday. Poster orders must be placed no later than November 15 with Columbus headquarters.

An emblem (shown upper right) is being used in connection with the Diamond Jubilee. Cuts for reproduction may be secured from Christian Endeavor headquarters.

President Earle W. Gates has urged that leaders in societies and unions start plans early in order to insure success for this outstanding event of Christian Endeavor.

JUNIORS STEP ALONG (above, left)—Girls and boys played a prominent role in the parade down the main street of Grand Rapids at the Michigan State Convention.

MESSAGE AT TULIP FESTIVAL (above, right)—The First Reformed Church Christian Endeavor Society had impressive float in parade at Orange City, Iowa.

Photo by Station WBNS-TV

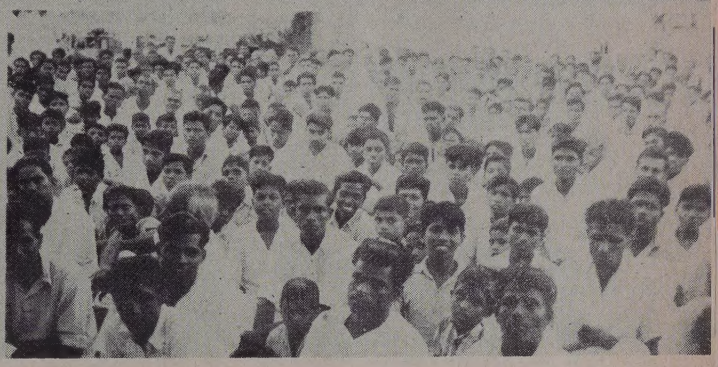
Christian Endeavorers—

They're Active

FREEDOMS FOUNDATION AWARD (left)—International Society of Christian Endeavor received the George Washington Honor Medal for outstanding community service on program over Television Station WBNS-TV, Columbus, Ohio. Honorable Carl V. Weygandt, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, gives award to Dr. Gene Stone representing Christian Endeavor. Charles E. Stiles, vice-president of National Awards of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, watches presentation.

DOWN DIXIE WAY (left)—Leaders of Southern Region meet at Johnson City, Tennessee. Executive officers are: Front row (left to right)—Agness Barr, Jean Treadaway, Betty McKnight, and Nat Burchfield. Second row (left to right)—Marvin J. Burnette, Morris Brown, Mozelle Dick, Warren M. Thrailkill, and T. Shep Clark.

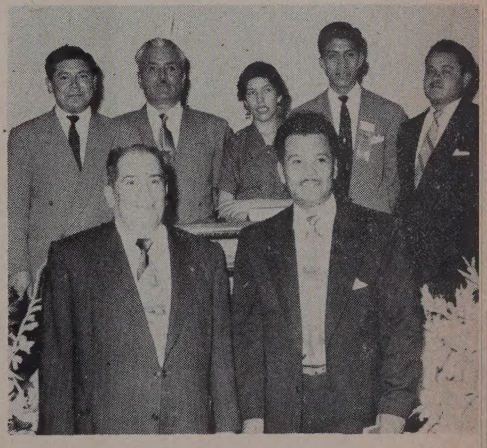
CALIFORNIA LEADERS (left)—State officers shown at session in Fullerton are: Front row (left to right)—John Yakligian, Al Ramm, Rev. Robert Hess, and Warren Olson. Second row (left to right)—Ben Fong, Lee Bailey, Rod Maclennan, and Bill Mueller, Jr.



On Many Fronts

GOSPEL TEAM IN INDIA—A band of Christian Endeavor youth under the leadership of Rev. Solomon Doraisawmy, traveling secretary, spent two months on an evangelistic tour to scores of villages in India. Pictures show the stage set for a service at Kakinada, the Assam Gospel Team on bicycles ready to go to the next village, procession of witness in Hindu streets with Christian Endeavor banners, and a large crowd listening to gospel message.

GUATEMALA CONFERENCE—Scene is at a Christian Endeavor leadership training session in July. There are five district unions in Guatemala with 31 societies. John Shackelford, Presbyterian missionary and a former California Endeavorer, is a guiding influence in the activities. Two publications in Spanish are published regularly to help promote the program.



MEXICAN UNION REORGANIZED—New officers of Christian Endeavor movement shown at convention in Mexico City are: Front row (left to right)—Jose E. Monjaraz, Rev. Benjamin Alvarez. Second row (left to right)—David Herrera, vice-president; Santos Tamez Cantu, president; Mercedes Acasia Gomez, secretary; Daniel Vazquez, treasurer; Enrique Salgado, corresponding secretary.

What Do We Plan NOW?

YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOP

ONE of the most frequently repeated questions in churches and church organizations is: *"What did we do last year?"*

The inquiry is made for the purpose of planning to do just about the same thing once more — whether that applies to programs for meetings, scheduling certain major events, or raising money.

Asking *"What did we do last year — and how did we do it?"* is sometimes the first response of a new set of officers to the opportunity they've been given to lead the group. Did we choose them for leadership so that they could substantially reproduce the activities of the past year — or do we hope to gain from them new proposals, freshened-up approaches to the group's challenges, revisions and modifications all along the line? If I am newly elected an officer or a chairman of anything, I aim to bring something new, different, yes, and untried into that job I'm to handle. Otherwise, why change officers at all?

Don't Be Slave to Old Routine

Making changes merely for the sake of changes isn't of course, what I have in mind. There should be reasons for changes being made in the framework of the organization or of its meetings. We don't hold this season's meetings 15 minutes earlier than last season's merely for the sake of "doing things differently." But such a variation is suggested if you plan that the session will run a little longer or if there is sentiment in favor of closing the meeting earlier. Don't let such details get frozen; don't be a prisoner of "last year's" routines!

One of the most valuable presentations one program chairman made to his successor was a journal of the past yeear's meetings with notes on the strong points and weak phases of a considerable number of those meetings. It's hard to recall, months later, which meetings seemed most successful, and why. But even when a running record of the year is missing — as it usually will be! — observant members of a program committee are likely to have definite impressions as to the peaks and valleys of interest and participation, as shown in meetings of the past.

But *looking forward* is our main concern in program-planning, group activities and broader service to our members and to our church and community. Here is a suggestion that works in some places: Let each member at work in program-planning agree to get the suggestions and criticisms of at least three other members, not overlooking those members who haven't been as active as we had thought they would be. Find what your group wants. Learn what the pastor and other church leaders believe you should be learning about and doing in the meetings to come. Instead of depending primarily on "how we planned things last year" try to find how some other groups, similar to yours, have been operating; specifically, at this point, what were the subjects and procedures for *their* most worthwhile meetings?

Suggestions in New Guide

One of the reasons for offering the guide, *With Young Adults in Christian Endeavor*, is to bring together considerable in thought and experience that will lead to changes in the Young Adult program and activities now familiar to your unit. How many of the ideas presented on a subject like *Missions* (pages 25 and 26) or *Church Calling* (pages 28 and 29) have been previously carried out in your own Young Adult group? From the many suggestions in this new guide, relating to principles and purposes, organization, handling of assignments, program elements, and proposed activities, the authors and officers of the International Society of Christian Endeavor hope and expect new life and greater usefulness will come to Young Adult groups and to their churches.

But the forward look among Young Adults means that we'll promptly go past *With Young Adults in Christian Endeavor*. We want this guide to be supplemented, in the monthly Workshop — this page — in *The Christian Endeavor World*, by new ideas and practices which *your* unit works out and then promptly shares with the rest of us.

Great Possibilities

In my thinking, Young Adult work is just at its threshold. The possibilities of its service to its own membership and to the church and the community are only beginning to be grasped. Encouragement and incentives, to aid Christian Endeavor's influence and growth among the younger Christians (Juniors, Intermediates, Senior-Young People), can constantly come from working Young Adult groups — which will be missing an important and satisfying opportunity if they do little or nothing to promote Christian Endeavor among the younger Christians in our churches. An important role for Young Adults in denominational work, local and regional activities of an interdenominational character, and Christian Endeavor conventions and conferences would seem certain as this department of Christian Endeavor grows. Surely we are to break trails and find many new opportunities, looking back only to find a basis for reference and the incentives for further progress.

One of the subjects for a later Workshop will be the church plant, with suggestions for questions we can ask ourselves about fitting it — without great expense — for the largest possible service to communicants and the community alike.

We shall try to take a new look at church (and church organization) finances, and the training of leaders for church work, and at other subjects which have to do with church progress and with increased usefulness of Young Adults to the church.

Bert H. Davis

Streamlining . .

RECENTLY a national body of women church organizations was disturbed by the lack of new, young members.

Typical research methods (What do you think of the organization? Why do you belong? Why don't you?) revealed nothing. Everybody—member or not—said the organization was just ducky.

Then a smart new-style research man was called in. He arranged for a few hundred interviews with present members and asked just one question: "If you invited an intelligent young woman, new to your community, to one of your church group meetings, what would she think of it?"

The respondents projected themselves into this situation, blushed, and blurted out the hitherto hidden answer: "She'd think we were silly with our long-winded reports and our old-fashioned procedure . . . I wouldn't dream of bringing a smart young woman to a meeting!"

End of research. Beginning of organizational streamlining.

—Alan Green in *Saturday Review*.
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a The Eye and Ear

Does It Pay?

by Amy Deck Faust

ving in the age that we do, folks are ied in asking, "Does it pay?" We expect et value for dollars of purchase, or in- nent. We expect to get results for ef- and for investment of time. A lot of on't expect to see our result in cash, but o expect what we do to pay off in oth- alues.

r example, when we buy a piece of au- isual equipment, we want to know that e going to get our money's worth." If is taken for broadcasting, we, "the sors," want to be sure that we hit an nce and that we get results. In other s, we want returns on our investment. t's begin with broadcasting. Radio and ision time cost money. When the sta- gives even one minute of air time to a p free, it costs somebody money. The on, or some donor must pay for techni- and equipment. There is no such a as free time. Churches receive a cer- amount of time given free, but it costs body something, so let's make the most neir investment.

ow do you go about to make a broad- ng investment pay off? First, by really eciating it. A lot of folks in churches still aren't sold on broadcasting. Some that broadcasting is only for entertain- . They forget that news rates high in nce interest and it is repeated in radio television regularly. The church has a of real news covered over, and never to the world at all. To use radio and ision is just good sense. Don't let any- ell you that radio is a thing of the past. it radio in!

ne next investment that you can make in dcasting is to settle down to make good of the time offered. Never forget that nute spot, repeated over and over again, mean more than fifteen minutes once in ile. Buy, or record spot announcements will be a credit to the church.

d Up Audience

nen, don't forget to build up audience. church groups don't advertise their pro- s well enough. Not only get listeners, de your family, but have people express cs to the station for the program. Be to send in your letter of thanks, too.

nother good thing is to know the pro- fare being offered by the station all ime. Help to build up audience for the on, and keep in mind the best things in dcasting. The people who are the critics roadcasting are the ones who do the least ing. They don't study the program guides, v the best programs and times of sched- There's plenty that's good if you look it, and if you encourage the good and it grow. Many a good program leaves air because those who should back it, t know about it—they've been too busy tising what they think they don't like in dcasting.

The same thing goes in other areas of audio-visuals. Many a church invests in a motion picture projector right off. This is in spite of the well known, and widely published advice that a motion picture should be about fifth or sixth on the shopping list. The best studies indicate that a slide projector, or a film-strip projector should be purchased first and be in use first. Most churches don't take this advice. They buy a motion picture projector, but don't investigate the film supply, train projectionists, or find a place to store their equipment. The result is a poor investment. It is not the fault of the salesman, or because of lack of materials. The fault lies in the lack of understanding on the church "home front."

Concerning Your Projector

If you have a motion picture projector consider the following:

1. Is there any place where the equipment can be used in the daylight hours? Can a room be darkened and ventilated?

2. At what hours is a really trained projectionist on hand?

3. If the group is small and no offering taken, what films are available at low cost, or free, that fill the needs and purposes of the group?

This question can hardly be answered without a membership in the visual fellowship service of the Division of Christian Education, 79 East Adams St., Chicago. The Audio-Visual Resource Guide and the Evaluation Bulletins will alert church groups on all audio-visual materials. Membership in this service should be as important, even more so, than owning the equipment.

4. How can the equipment and projectionists be scheduled to meet the needs of as many church groups as possible?

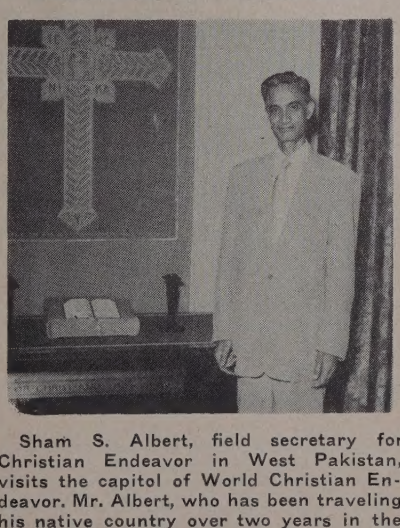
5. How can the total budget be used to help as many as possible? What planning on the audio-visual level does the entire church do?

6. What is the training program for the future?

7. What is the purchasing program for the future?

These and similar questions must be answered to make the investment bring proper returns. Any phase of audio-visual work is an investment. Be sure that you get back your values. Protect your investment.

PAKISTAN TO COLUMBUS



Sham S. Albert, field secretary for Christian Endeavor in West Pakistan, visits the capitol of World Christian Endeavor. Mr. Albert, who has been traveling his native country over two years in the cause of youth, stands by the historic desk of Dr. Clark in the Helen Lyon Jones Room in Columbus. More than 10,000 miles away from home Mr. Albert spent several days in July at headquarters.

Endeavorer of The Year

Ann Shaw, North Tarrytown, New York, has been honored as "The Endeavorer of the Year" of the Empire State Union. Miss Shaw is a member of First Reformed Church of Tarrytown. She was Honor Girl at Stony Brook Summer Assembly in 1954.

Unusual Society Meeting

Speakers from six different countries took part at the Christian Endeavor Society meeting of Otterbein United Brethren Church near Rockford, Ohio, recently. These included Dr. Y. T. Chiu of China, Rev. Avedis Hassessian of Lebanon, Alfred Akenwumi of Africa, B. R. Shelar of India, Benjamon Fong of Formosa, and Rita Conner of Honduras. Rev. L. A. Middaugh is pastor.

Maryland Stages Boat Ride

More than 200 Endeavorers of Maryland Union went on a boat ride in June to Betterton Beach from Baltimore. Message was given on the boat by Rev. George Mendenhall. The annual Four-County Rally at Parr's Spring was conducted by Maryland Union in August with R. G. Letourneau, industrialist from Longview, Texas, as the speaker. Wilton Boswell was chairman.

C. E. Conferences and Conventions

OCTOBER
- 8-10 — Ontario, Sarnia
- 13-15 — New Jersey, Flemington
- 14-16 — Southern Region, High Point, North Carolina
- 21-23 — Inter-State Union, West New York, New Jersey
- 27-29 — Colorado, Denver
- 29-30 — Great Lakes Region, Gary, Indiana

NOVEMBER
- 3-5 — Missouri, Hannibal

DECEMBER
- 2-5 — Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference and Program Council, Columbus, Ohio.

If Nobody Wants War, *Why Have It?*

No. 1 in a Series: "Social Problems that Demand Answers"

Romans 14:16-19; Hebrews 12:14-16

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS) — *NOVEMBER 6* —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

Today is the day traditionally observed as Consecration Sunday, the first one in the month. It is a time for a special emphasis upon dedication to greater spiritual things, both for the society and for the personal life. With Thanksgiving soon to come, the emphasis might be upon our duty to God, in view of His great blessings to us.

A timely series of topics begins today. It is called *Social Problems That Demand Answers.* It begins with one that concerns everyone today. *If Nobody Wants War, Why Have It?* is a most logical question, as well as being a challenging topic. The leaders of the meeting this week and next should make good preparation, by reading, by securing statistics and literature, and by discussion with others beforehand. Such material is available from denominations and from many peace organizations. Perhaps a discussion of the United Nations organizations could be included. Moving pictures are available.

The leader will wish to draw attention to the various causes of war, both direct and indirect. He will wish naturally to lead discussion on the ways to attain peace, the true possibility of it, the nature of the entire subject. Try to come to some definite conclusions and also to determine a logical Christian course of action for the future, based upon your conclusions. Let the conclusions be optimistic and provide for positive action, whatever they may be. Avoid the attitude of defeatism.

Bible Messages

M., Oct. 31. They Perish By The Sword. Matt. 26:52.
T., Nov. 1. Peace In The Heart. Col. 3:15.
W., Nov. 2. An Unyielding Attitude. Romans 6:12-14.
T., Nov. 3. Wars and Rumors of War. Matt. 24:5-8.
F., Nov. 4. Not of God. I John 3:8-10.
S., Nov. 5. On Being Sons of God. I John 3:2, 3.
Sun., Nov. 6. Topic—If Nobody Wants War, Why Have It? Romans 14:16-19; Hebrews 12:14-16.

War

War is the foremost scourge of our modern world. Countless millions of people live in daily fear of its possibility. Multitudes beyond our comprehension are still suffering agonies of many sorts as the aftermath of wars gone by. Past, present, and future, war is one of the greatest plagues upon mankind. It *is* a greatly controversial subject. There are those who believe it can quickly be banished by the right treatment. There are others equally sure that it can never be eliminated. There are even more who are bewildered, and haven't the slightest idea about it all, except to recognize its horror. Whatever one's opinion as to its future, there is shared a common dread and fear. There is a way of action to support your conviction.

Nobody Wants It

This can be said of practically everyone in the world, at least among the common peoples of the earth. Only the unscrupulous few who rejoice in the economic profit it produces, or those perverted ones who view its devastation with sadistic satisfaction, could be said to want it. From every point of view it is totally undesirable. Economically it is a threatening drain upon our national resources. A majority of the national dollar, it is estimated some 60 to 65 percent of the nation's income, goes for military purposes. Family life is disrupted and tragedies take high toll. International relations are strained and often destroyed for generations. Morally it is one of the worst hazards in our whole national life. Years are spent to develop the character and a Christian code of conduct for young people. War, or its little brother, national defense preparation, can wipe it all out in a fortnight or two. Unless one's religious faith is strong and one's moral standards firmly established, it is easy to be misled into shameful conduct when with those of different belief. A few unthinking minutes with the wrong crowd, or in unaccustomed situations, can undo years of Christian training and discipline. This is all a part of the hidden cost of war. It is hideously undesirable.

Then Why Have It?

If nobody wants war, then why have it? This is one of the most difficult questions in the world to answer. Each one must find his own justification, if there be any, for it. Or else he must find his own degree of condemnation of it. A suitable course of action that is in keeping with one's convictions should be determined upon and followed. It is doubly wrong to merely drift, in ignorance and indifference. If it is believed that war can be abolished, then a young person should throw himself whole-heartedly in the eternal struggle to free mankind fro the merciless grip of this monstrous marau er. If, on the other hand, his theolo causes him to believe that it is a necessa part of human life, a sidelight of the ceasele battle between Good and Evil, a part of vine plan, then he should follow the rest the implication of this position. He shou with equal zeal throw himself into the ta of winning individuals to the Christian li Thus they can be brought to the "peace th passeth understanding," the peace that nev ends, regardless of what the world become Our Saviour offers this invitation to all wh believe.

Woodrow Wilson gave one answer to th question at the beginning of World War He said, "It is a fearful thing to lead th great peaceful people into war, into the mo terrible and disastrous of all wars, civiliz tion itself seeming to be in the balance. B the right is more precious than peace and w shall fight for the things which we have a ways carried nearest our hearts—for demo racy, for the right of those who submit authority to have a voice in their own go ernments, for the rights and liberties small nations, for a universal dominion right by such a concert of free peoples shall bring peace and safety to all nations an make the world itself at last free." The words have a familiar ring today. What your opinion of this position?

Certainly we hate war, and all that represents, as we hate all violence and cruelt The Apostle Paul gives us a great and wo derful key to Christian action in his lette to the Romans (14:19), when he says, "L us therefore follow after the things *th make for peace,* and things wherewith on may edify (build up, or strengthen) another.

Aim Of The Topic

1. To help provide a sensible answe to an acute social problem.

2. To evaluate our power in keepin the peace.

Discuss, Then Act

1. What do you think of war? De scribe your feelings carefully.

2. Is it true that "nobody want war"?

3. Do you agree with Woodrow Wil son's position?

4. Can war ever be abolished? Giv reasons for your answer.

5. How could it be accomplished?

6. If you think it can, what shoul we do about it now?

7. If you think it cannot, what shoul be our course of action?

8. How do we lend ourselves to war

9. Is there a greater problem toda than war?

10. How can we do "the things tha make for peace" today? What ar they?

A SEED THOUGHT

"The 'because' is always followed by the 'therefore.'"

Our Aims

1. To consider the Christian attitude toward war.
2. To see how the Christian faith binds people together.
3. To become builders for peace.

Questions

1. Treaties and pacts have failed in the past to secure permanent peace. What is the cause of this failure?
2. Over considerable periods of time, peace has been kept by one strong nation acting as a "policeman" for the world. What is good about this? What is bad about it? How would you feel if your country were the "policeman"? How would you feel if another country were the "policeman"? Why the difference?
3. What can each of us do in our own home town and our home church to promote peace?

If Nobody Wants War, *Why Have It?*

No. 1 in a Series: "Peace in Our World and in Ourselves"

Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 5:43-48

Intermediate (12-14 YEARS) — *NOVEMBER 6* —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

t's a Strange Situation

Everybody talks peace. Nobody wants war. Yet we go right on preparing for war. It's n absurd situation, isn't it?

Is our predicament due to the control of he war god, Mars? This year the United tates is spending 42 billion dollars for its nilitary establishments. Bills for universal nilitary training are gaining increasing support, reversing a point of view our nation as held since its founding.

A Problem for Youth

War is a problem which holds a particular meaning for youth. If another World War should come in the near future, many oung women reading this would find their opes for a career, or marriage and a home, ltered or blighted. To many young men nother war would mean a shattered career —or death. To youth, then, peace is the most ital problem in the world today.

There are many evidences that young people are awakening to the importance of this problem. Student parades, proclamations and protests such as issue from meetings of religious youth organizations, all these are indications that the more sensitive youth are determined to do something about war. Albert Einstein's recent last testament that we must "renounce war or die" is being taken seriously by youth.

What Can Youth Do?

The first thing to do in the fight against war is to study the problem. Because if you don't, you will very likely be taking steps that you think are aiding peace when you will actually be helping to perpetuate war. After all, a great deal of the peace sentiment and activity in the world today can best be described by the word "suicidal," because almost nobody wants war, yet war comes. And it does not come by accident. War, like everything else, is a matter of cause and effect. It comes as a result of what people do. So it can be seen, then, that a number of persons sufficient to bring on war are expressing war-breeding attitudes, or supporting, or at least acquiescing in war-breeding policies, at the same time that they protest their love of peace. This is one of the greatest tragedies in our day—people by their lack of knowledge leading themselves and their sons to slaughter in the name of peace.

For many of you, your greatest opportunities to help in the cause of peace will be through your school activities.

By helping to build friendships among the different races and nationalities in your school you can help to lessen those attitudes of suspicion and bigotry that are prominent emotional causes of war. You will find good opportunity for this by joining whatever interracial, cosmopolitan, or international groups there are in your school, or by helping to start them if there are none. The Christianizing of personal relationships is fundamental to a solution of the war problem.

Your church provides many opportunities to aid peace. This is to be expected, because after all the greatest incentive to peace is religion. You can help bring peace speakers before some of your church groups. You can participate in peace discussions at your young people's meetings. Perhaps some of you teach children's church school classes. You will find many opportunities to show that war is the enemy of nearly everything for which Jesus lived and died.

In addition to school and church activities you can also do those things which anyone else can do to aid peace. You can distribute literature, sponsor peace displays, take your friends to peace lectures, help put on or participate in peace plays, sign and circulate petitions that promote peace measures.

Our Nation Must Continue to Lead for Peace

President Eisenhower at the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Evanston August 1954, called the churches to pray for peace. He went to Geneva in July 1955 to plan more largely for peace. Harold E. Stassen, an active churchman, is called "secretary for peace" in the president's cabinet. At the International Sunday school convention in Cleveland in July, Dr. Stassen said: "Atoms for peace and not for war depends on the attitudes, convictions and ethics of mankind. . . . Never before in the history of mankind has the religious education of the children of this country been as important as today."

A Junior High's Testimony

Thoughts of a seventeen-year-old:

"The responsibility for teaching peace rests largely upon the church. The Golden Rule would be a good motto for us to use as an example to other nations in the struggle for peace.

"The young people's organizations of the church, the peace organizations of both young and old, and the mothers of the country who wish to defend their right to be joyous creators should help much in instilling thoughts of peace in the minds of youth. We should honor civilian heroes as well as those who died in warfare. Many people who have died in peaceful pursuits have shown as great heroism as those who have died in war.

"The adoption of textbooks which promote peace rather than war is needed in the elementary and high schools of the country.

"I have a love for my country so great that I identify patriotism with friendship rather than battleships. As a youth of the United States, I plead for peace, for I do not want my life and the lives of my fellows sacrificed for an unjust cause."

Would you agree with this testimony? As a young person what would your testimony be? How can you help others to see the truth about war and to seek to build for peace?

How can we train writers, cartoonists, musicians, speakers and those engaging in other vocations to contribute to the desire of the people for peace? Perhaps you can prepare for one of these professions which will help to fight this greatest evil of modern times.

Study, then set to work on those phases of the struggle that are nearest at hand and which fit your personality best . . . As you work, you will find your natural place in the crusade for a warless world. New opportunities are bound to open up for this generation.

Peace—a Preparation

Albert Einstein said recently: The problem of peace is a psychological problem. You cannot both prepare for a third world war and prevent a third world war. We have got to decide on one course or the other."

We Christians must decide whether peace is worth the risks we must take to secure it. We pay lip service to the Christian belief that war is not according to the teachings of Jesus. But we refuse to put into practice the conviction to the point of doing something about it. Nations whose people respond to other religions think that we Christians do not mean what we profess when we go on preparing for war at terrific cost.

To take the risks for peace might mean

(1) disarmament save for police power;
(2) economic upset when our factories are turning out huge quantities of military supplies;
(3) a lowered standard of living;
(4) trusting nations who do not have the same moral standards as do we;
(5) giving great sums of money for the expansion of Christian missions and the Point Four plan of aid to underprivileged nations.

Would you be willing to take these risks?

Daily Bible Reading

M., Oct. 31. The Danger of Offenses. Matt. 18:7.
T., Nov. 1. They Perish By The Sword. Matt. 26:52.
W., Nov. 2. Unnecessary Evils. Matt. 23:23-31.
T., Nov. 3. Wars And Rumors of Wars. Matt. 24:5-8.
F., Nov. 4. Not Of God. I John 3:8-10.
S., Nov. 5. On Being Sons of God. I John 3:2, 3.
Sun., Nov. 6. Topic—If Nobody Wants War, Why Have It? Isaiah 2:1-5; Matt. 5:43-48.

If Liquor Brings Tragedy, *Why Drink?*

No. 2 in a Series: "Social Problems that Demand Answers"

Isaiah 5:8-24

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS) — *NOVEMBER* 13 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

This series of topics brings a study and discussion of two big concerns of our day, war and alcoholic beverages. Last week we considered the terrifying problem of war, realizing its impact on our living in this age. Today we face another social problem that demands the attention and the interest of Christian young people. *If Liquor Brings Tragedy, Why Drink?* What a reasonable question that is! The leader of the meeting has the high privilege of asking this pointed question of his fellow members of the society. He can ask it with the full knowledge that if he supports it enthusiastically with fact and persuasion, he can save some of his friends from the curse of the liquor traffic. Perhaps he can stab them awake, so that they will live differently in the future. Knowledge is power, and when it is intelligently directed by consecrated young people, anything fine can happen. The leader's asking of this question, and its answer may mean new life to some Endeavorers.

There are almost limitless quantities of data, literature and other help available on this subject. These can be obtained from temperance organizations, denominational publishing houses, the Y.M.C.A., probably in your own church. Try to have sufficient quantity to put some in every one's hands to take home and read. Posters can be prepared and other suitable decorations for the meeting room. The pastor or some other "resource leader" should be invited and urged to attend. This meeting is a vital one; it should be thoroughly prepared. Strive to come to some positive decisions, and make definite plans toward the solution of the problem it presents.

Liquor

Certainly one of the greatest evils today is the misuse of alcohol. In its proper place, like so many other things about us, it is useful and a boon to mankind. When it becomes a beverage it becomes a problem and a curse. It then becomes a poison to body, mind, and soul. There is not full realization of the toxic effect of alcohol, or of the great social menace that it represents.

A SEED THOUGHT
"The first drink makes the drunkard." Discuss.

The Scripture today brings a strong condemnation of this practice of drink. Isaiah 5:8-24 presents a declaration of woes, the social problems of that day. They are familiar to us today. Verses 8-10 declare against rich landowners, who greedily take all and share little. Verses 11-17 are of particular interest to us today for they are the indictments against dissipation and drinking. Read them again carefully. Verses 18 and 19 are against skepticism, while the 20th is against sophistry. The 21st condemns self-confidence, and 22-24 speak out against dissolute and unjust judges. Thus warnings against the injurious effects of strong drink have been made down through the ages. Many other places in the Bible point out their warnings.

Nobody Really Wants It

The drink problem is still with us. It has never been solved. Indeed, it is more acute today than in many, many generations. Youth must be warned; youth must be armed against the vicious enemy. Nobody honestly says liquor is good for a person. No one says the traffic is socially constructive. The drinkers themselves do not, in most cases, say the liquor is even good. It is drunk for its effect. Watch some one drinking liquor; his very grimace will prove the distastefulness of the beverage as such.

Total abstinence is the most certain answer to the problem. The one who always declines the first drink will not become a drunkard. Even those who believe in "moderation" are often not able to control the downward pull of liquor's influence. Judge Lewis Drucker, of Cleveland Municipal Court, wrote, "You are deluded into believing that you will be able to stay out of the group of chronic alcoholics after you have started drinking, by simply believing that you will be one of the fortunate drinkers. The chronic alcoholic and excessive drinker is a graduate of the moderate drinker. Too frequently youth, because of its supreme confidence, dismisses the problem of alcoholism with a laugh—. Dr. Charles Mayo estimates that three out of every ten who start to use alcohol in moderation become victims of alcohol."

Following this topic, let several of the society take action on this subject, by entering the Christian Citizenship Contest of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. The subject is "A Letter To My Congressman" (or My Member of Parliament). Write Columbus today for information, and for entrance blanks. Put your convictions into action.

If Liquor Brings Tragedy, Why Drink?

Liquor is the greatest cause of tragedy we know. It is our most costly enemy. During the year 1953 the American people contributed $8,500 a minute to all religious, charitable, and educational causes combined, but spent $17,000.00 a minute for alcoholic beverages. Think of the sinful waste! The World Health Organization discloses that now the United States holds the dubious honor of having the highest per cent of alcoholics of any nation. Major Clayton M. Wallace, Director of the National Temperance League, Washington, D. C., says, "It is now estimated that one out of each ten men in the United States of America between the ages of 30 and 50 is an alcoholic or a problem drinker." The record of Canada is somewhat better, but is not encouraging. Where are we going?

The recently retired warden of the Washington State Penitentiary says, "95 percent of the inmates of this prison are here because of alcohol." The superintendent of the Washington State Medical Hospital echoes that figure for his mental institution. Walter Winchell cynically remarks, "The shortest line between life and death is the walk between the bar and the car."

Yes, truly the greatest source of accidents, crime, sorrow, agony, immorality and destruction is King Alcohol, the tyrant. Our greatest problem is not alcoholism, but *alcohol*. We must begin at the source. If this is so much the breeder of tragedy—why drink? Youth must face this question squarely—and answer it honestly. The real "gentlemen of distinction' are not the suave drinkers shown in magazines gracefully handling a drink, but rather the brave ones who can say *no*. Above all the clamor we hear the advice, "Come out from among them and be ye separate." (II Corinthians 6:17). Be different. Say *no* when it costs more than to say *yes!* If liquor will kill your body, mind, and your soul, if it will destroy your very world—then in Heaven's Name, why drink?

Aim Of The Topic

1. To help provide a sensible answer to an acute social problem.
2. To evaluate our power in controlling the evil of drinking today.

Discuss, Then Act

1. Why is liquor the greatest social menace today?
2. How does it harm the individual? the general public?
3. Name some tragedies of which you know that were caused by drinking.
4. What is the future of our great nations if the present rate of drinking continues?
5. What can we do about it now?
6. Why shouldn't we enter the International Society of Christian Endeavor's "Christian Citizenship Contest"?
7. How could we personally benefit by it, aside from the valuable prizes?
8. Why are we so spiritually and mentally lazy in such matters of social action?
9. If these things we have read are true, why do young people drink?
10. How can they best resist drink? What does it require?

From God's Word

M., Nov. 7. Unwise Decision. Prov. 20:1.
T., Nov. 8. A Drunken Father. Genesis 9:20, 21.
W., Nov. 9. Warning Against Drinking. Isaiah 5:11.
T., Nov. 10. Bitterness of Strong Drink. Isaiah 24:9.
F., Nov. 11. "T-Total Abstainers." Jeremiah 35:5, 6, 14.
S., Nov. 12. A Stumbling Block. Romans 14:21.
Sun., Nov. 13. Topic—If Liquor Brings Tragedy, Why Drink? Isaiah 5:8-24.

Our Aims

1. To understand the term "God's Kingdom."
2. To sense our relationship to the Kingdom.
3. To ask if the Kingdom has come to me.

Questions

1. Is the kingdom of God as a family limited geographically?
2. Can we feel an active kinship with others without close association?
3. Does seeking first the Kingdom mean that we must give up all else?
4. How can I seek the kingdom of God as a reality in my own life?
5. As a kingdom citizen, must I also be a son of God? Is it my goal to resemble my Father?
6. How does citizenship in the Kingdom affect my attitude toward war?

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

he Kingdom of God

"Our Father, who art in Heaven. Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come."

Christian young people use these words ten enough. Surely we ought to have some ea what the words mean. If it matters what e believe—and we say it does matter—we ght to *know* what we believe about the ngdom of God. If it matters we ought to ve a *Christian* belief instead of some other lief.

Some people believe that we can "bring the Kingdom." Some believe that we can uild the Kingdom." If I believe that the ngdom of God is something I reach at the d of a program of action, then I'll get busy th action groups that are really doing some- ing about better housing, higher wages, ore justice. These are things I can "bring " and "build."

Some people believe that the Kingdom omes" from God. If I underline the word *me* in my belief about the Kingdom, then rhaps I'll sit down and wait for it to come, d, in the meantime, enjoy myself doing natever I happen to want to do.

One way I get very busy. The other I sit d wait. You see, we need to know what e believe about the kingdom of God be- use it matters.

Vhat Is The Kingdom?

What do we mean when we say "the king- om of God"? The clue is found in the rd's Prayer. You will remember that the ophecy of Zechariah says: "Behold, thy king meth unto thee: he is just, and having sal- tion; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." We note the pical Hebrew "parallelism," the same thing id twice with a slight variation. Apply the me method in the Lord's Prayer, where it ys: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done n earth, as it is in heaven." Write it this ay: "Thy kingdom come–thy will be done."

From The Book of Books

.., Nov. 7. Not of This World. John 18:36.
., Nov. 8. A Place of Just Relations. Matt. 20:1-16.
., Nov. 9. Healing Power Present. Matt. 8:1-4.
., Nov. 10. God's Saving Grace. Luke 9:55, 56.
., Nov. 11. Enter At The Strait Gate. Luke 13:24-30.
, Nov. 12. The Wheat And The Tares. Matt. 13:24-30.
un., Nov. 13. Topic — "God's Kingdom" — What Do We Mean? Matt. 7:21-29; 13:31-33, 44-50.

"God's Kingdom" — *What Do We Mean?*

No. 2 in a Series:
"Peace in Our World and in Ourselves"

Matthew 7:21-29; 13:31-33, 44-50

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In other words, the kingdom of God is that state of affairs in which God's will is being done on earth. We can stand by that definition through thick and thin.

What Does the Bible Say?

Indicate that you have asked different people to give, in order, some things which the Bible says about the Kingdom. If you look up the word "Kingdom" in a Concordance, you will find other things that the Bible says about the kingdom of God.

(1) The Kingdom refers to the nation of the Jews.

"Ye shall be unto me a kingdom." (Exodus 19:6)

Look up also Isaiah 33:22 and I Chronicles 28:5.

(2) The Kingdom is of all the world and of every single individual.

"He is a great King over all the earth." (Psalm 47:2)

"O Lord of hosts, my King and my God." (Psalm 84:3)

(3) The Kingdom is linked to David's line, to Christianity. Look up Jeremiah 23:5.

(4) The Kingdom takes on greatness and majesty. Look up Isaiah 9:6.

(5) The Kingdom takes on the idea of a realm of peace.

"And God the King shall judge between the nations . . . ."

Look up the rest of this in Isaiah 2, verses 2 to 4.

(6) The Kingdom begins to include the messianic hope, the hope of the Jews for the coming of a Messiah, their deliverer.

Look up Daniel 7:13.

In the Apocrypha we find these further additions to the meaning of the kingdom.

(7) The Kingdom is both eternal and present.

"Blessed be thou, O Lord, King both great and mighty . . . and thy kingship . . . and thy kingdom throughout all generations."

(8) The Kingdom is the same thing as holy knowledge, knowledge of divine things.

"When Jacob was a fugitive . . . wisdom guided him in straight paths and showed him God's kingdom and gave him knowledge of holy things."

(9) The Kingdom involves universal triumph. "Then his Kingdom will appear throughout all his creation, and then Satan will be no more, and sorrow will depart with him." Here is the first mention we have of "appear." This also suggests no sorrow in the Kingdom. The Kingdom is a place of happiness.

At this point Jesus came into history. He began to use the same word. With His matchless parables He added even more meaning to the word for us.

(10) The Kingdom means the realm of righteousness. It means nobility of character. It is more important than all material considerations. Look up Matthew 6:33.

(11) The Kingdom is already present, within people, among people. Look up Matthew 13, verses 31 and 33.

(12) The kingdom of God is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Look up Paul's letter to the Romans 14:17.

Jesus Gathered All Meanings

Jesus gathered up all the meanings that had gone before and moved on to what is the Christian teaching about the Kingdom. The Kingdom is a *condition* that is both present now, and to come in the future.

The Kingdom came into the world when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Because it came then, it is here now.

But it is not everywhere. Many people, by their actions, show that they have not the Kingdom in them. Nor can we say they are in the Kingdom. In a word, Christ is not the ruler of their lives. They need "redemption." They need to be "saved." Not only "they." Perhaps, if we are honest, we will say the same things about ourselves. Therefore, the Kingdom is still to come.

The kingdom of God is a fellowship, an intense fellowship. But it goes deeper than that. *It is a family.* Jesus' supreme revelation of God is that he is a Father. He taught us to pray, "Our Father." He constantly used the phrase, "that ye may be sons of your Father who is in heaven." He told the disciples not to call one another Father and Master; He said they were all brothers. He called the peacemakers "sons of God." So, if God is the Father, then the kingdom of God is the kingdom of the Father. And a father's kingdom is his family. The kingdom of God is the family of the Father.

That's why Jesus said that "the kingdom of God is within you." The same thing could be said about any other family. A happy marriage, a lovely home, a warm, radiant family life is within each member—within the attitudes and responses to the other members. If there is no love, there is no real family, only a boardinghouse. Even so with the Kingdom. Unless it exists "within you," it will never exist anywhere else. It can never come on earth until it first comes in the human heart.

Do you earnestly want the kingdom of God to become a reality? Then remember that the keys of the Kingdom are in the door to your heart.

Worship

Meditation: quiet music. Leader reads Matthew 6:35, and allows time for thought.

Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun.

Scripture: Matthew 13: 33, 44; Mark 4:31-32; Matthew 13: 45-46.

For Blessings Received, *Thank God*

No. 1 in a Series: "Gratitude and Stewardship"

Psalm 103:1-5

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS) — *NOVEMBER 20* —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

At this Thanksgiving season it is good to think of expressing thanks to God and to others and to consider how we are using our lives and our possessions as stewards. Therefore, we shall study together during a series of two topics the theme *Gratitude and Stewardship*. This week's topic is *For Blessings Received, Thank God*. In discussing it together, young people should become more aware, and more appreciative, of blessings received from God and from other people. Next week's topic is *Money Goes to Church* at which time it will be pointed out how God blesses the average person with money or its equivalent, and how man attempts to give back to God His share!

Decorate the room to make one feel in the "Thanksgiving or harvest mood" by placing in conspicuous places various articles of harvest fruits such as corn stalks, vegetables, fruits — but don't stop there! Add to this display demonstrations or symbols of other blessings such as rain, sunshine, water, air, health, and many others.

The Feast of Tabernacles

Our Thanksgiving Day is a counterpart of the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles. This is the last of the appointed festivals under the old covenant beginning on the fifteenth of the seventh month and lasting for one week. It was celebrated "in the end of the year, when they had gathered in their labors out of the field." (Exodus 23:16.) At this time the crops were supposed to be in, and the work ended, and it was practically the end of the year. The object of the festival was to keep in memory the sojourn in the wilderness, a renewing of their religious youth, when the covenant of the Law was first given. They brought sin offerings each day; rams, lambs, and bullocks.

Daily Meditations

M., Nov. 14. Continued Thanks. Eph. 5:20.
T., Nov. 15. Anna Gives Thanks. Luke 2:36-38.
W., Nov. 16. Before God's Presence. Psalm 95:1-4.
T., Nov. 17. Good To Give Thanks. Psalm 92:1-4.
F., Nov. 18. Source of Blessings. James 1:17.
S., Nov. 19. Paul Gives Thanks. Col. 1:1-3.
Sun., Nov. 20. Topic—For Blessings Received, Thank God. Psalm 103:1-5.

Our Thanksgiving is similar in many ways, although we too often do not place the religious emphasis upon it that we should. Too little do we think beyond the amounts of luscious food and the gathering together of families. The blessings received from the seasons is rarely taken into consideration.

God Rules The Earth Justly

Although many people will agree that God rules the earth, they will not admit that He rules justly. God's promises are not fulfilled for only a select few. His blessings and promises fall on all people regardless of race, creed or religion. In many instances we need to have the faith to receive them, but that still rests on our shoulders, not God's. He is not the chooser; we are.

If we commit a sin, we suffer the punishment. Our good deeds are not placed on the scale to attempt to over-balance the sin. A sin is a sin in God's sight and He can not bear to look upon it. But despite this, He will forgive us any sin at our sincere request. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (I John 1:9.)

His justice is a blessing; thank God for it!

God Guides The Nations

God guides individuals and He also guides nations, that is He will if He is called upon. There are countless illustrations especially in Old Testament history to prove this statement. He guides both nations and their leaders. Read Numbers 20:23-29 to find how God spoke to Moses and Aaron about their people. Read Exodus 14 also.

God spoke to Joshua after Moses' death, telling him what to do. Read Joshua 1.

He guided the Israelites on their flight from Egypt, and across the Red Sea. Review your memory by reading Exodus 12 and 14.

Read about God's directing the Levites after they realized their sinfulness, in Ezra 10.

God still guides our nations today. His guidance is much needed; it must be sought and followed. Our God is not a changeable God. If He guided leaders and nations in Old Testament days, He will do the same now. Each one may ask His help in this matter.

His guidance is a blessing; thank God for it!

God Causes The Earth to Yield Her Harvest

"So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase." (I Corinthians 3:7.)

Man could plant, cultivate, water, and "baby along" his seeds, but without God he would receive nothing. Only through Him do plants germinate, mature, and bring forth a harvest. Plants and seeds need the sunshine, the gentle rains, and the "ability to increase" that only God can give.

Aim Of The Topic

1. To make young people more aware of blessings received, also more thankful.

For Discussion

1. Are you aware of God's blessings? How?
2. Name blessings that come to all people.
3. Name blessings that come to few, including you.
4. Does God exercise justice in ruling the earth? How?
5. Has God forgotten to guide the nations today? Give reasons or proof for your answer.
6. What could man harvest without God? Why?
7. How can you show your gratefulness to God for blessings received?
8. Discuss the meaning and truth of the "Seed Thought."
9. Will this Thanksgiving be any more significant to you?
10. How can you improve your own thanksgiving observance? Will you?

We have His promise that He will ever provide these harvests for us. "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." (Genesis 8:22.)

At Thanksgiving time those who remember to give thanks at all, usually do remember the harvests they have reaped, or at least the plentiful food supply they harbor. At that time, we seem to realize how much we have, when many others have comparatively little or none, but does God really receive the credit for "causing the earth to yield her harvest"? Or do we credit ourselves and our ability?

Our harvest is from God; thank Him for it!

—And You—!

Yes, we agree that God rules the earth justly; He guides the nations; and He causes the earth to yield her harvest;—but what about us? What do we do about these blessings we accept and enjoy?

From the time we are tiny children, our parents teach us to thank others for anything received. Even before children talk in an understandable fashion, they attempt to show their appreciation to others. As we grow older our parents expect us to say "thank you" for pleasant times together, nice meals, new clothes, help by lifting, explaining, and the many things we do for each other. They are all acts and deeds we should expect from parents, yet a thank you is so much appreciated. How much young people expect to receive thanks, and even pay, for what they do for their parents.

If gratitude is due from children to their earthly parents (and vice versa), how much more is the gratitude of the great family of men due to our Father in Heaven.

You do receive blessings from Him; but how are you saying thank you? Somewhere along the pathway of education, have you failed to learn how to say "Thank you, God"?

He hears our every word; He sees our every act; and He knows our every thought.

A SEED THOUGHT

"Our blessings are the least heeded, because the most common events of life."

—Hosea Ballou

Our Aims

1. To properly appreciate God's blessings.
2. To worthily celebrate Thanksgiving.
3. To show our gratitude to God for His goodness.

Questions

1. What gifts has God bestowed upon all mankind for which we should be thankful?
2. Is life itself something to take for granted or something to be deeply appreciated?
3. What discoveries have been made which make possible longer and more healthful life? How do our chances to escape early death from disease, especially contagious disease, compare with the chances of the Pilgrims?
4. Is friendship a gift given to all? How can we best use this gift? What do we miss if we limit our friendship to one class or nationality or race?
5. Think of our church. Have we any particular reason to be thankful for our religious heritage? What does the church do to make life more worth living in this world today?

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

ur Scripture—The Praise Psalms

What a blessing it is to meet up with a uinely thankful person—one who accepts good things of the day as the gifts of d!

Well, here he is—David, the sweet singer Israel. And we shall companion with him s Thanksgiving week as we read passages the Psalms. We shall seek prayerfully to cover the secrets of his great and charm- personality, one of which was an all-con- ning gratitude to God.

Yes, we should be thankful for our friends, homes, our churches, and our nation, d show our gratitude to those about us. t real spiritual vitality asserts itself when continually thank God for all things.

How many would set their alarm clocks 12 o'clock at night in order to rise up d give thanks to God? When all was dark out him, David said, "The Lord is my ht," and, lo, the darkness was dispelled. The shortest, surest way to true happiness to thank and praise God for everything ut happens. "In everything give thanks," s the admonition of that happy warrior ul. He too thanked God at midnight, and was in prison, his feet fast in the stocks! Calamity plus praise equals blessing, and turns all that it touches into happiness. y out this equation sometime.

ho is the Thankful Person?

The psalmist used the simple language of e heart. "It is a good thing to give thanks." ot only does it please and honor God, but has certain definite reactions in our lives at make for poise, personality, power—and ese are good.

It is the thankful person who honors God, r he lives close to Him.

It is the thankful person who makes need- friends.

It is the thankful person who enjoys "the od life," for gratitude and goodness are nonymous.

For Blessings Received, Thank God

Psalm 103:1-5; 100; 95:1-7a

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The Nation is Thankful

The Pilgrims faced the building of a new world. What were famine and disease, hardship and hard work if they could look forward to security for themselves, a happy future for their children, and the establishment of their dreams, their faith, and those rights for which they had made so many sacrifices?

We face many of the same conditions today along a new frontier which the changing times have made out of the outworn world order. May we be as brave as the Pilgrims to face hardship and danger, ridicule and persecution while we build our new world.

Our nation has been blessed by God. Our leaders have put their trust in God. It is truly the land of opportunity, liberty, and freedom of thought. Our churches everywhere point us heavenward. Our constitution knows no color, creed or class.

God has been very good to us. Every blade of grass, the harvest of the fields, the sunshine that gives growth, all these come from God. So let us this day "enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and bless his name."

A Blessing Meter

"Applause meters" are popular on many radio and TV programs. Marvelous prizes are given to program participants solely on the basis of popular response. Would it not be well to have a "blessing meter" for use at Thanksgiving time?

How effective would the "blessing meter" be as a list of our blessings might be read? Would the blessing meter register high over the fact that we have food in abundance, the security, a good home, a school to which to go, friends who make life interesting? Would our "blessing meter" include parents, teachers, pastor and those we sometimes take for granted?

How high would the blessing meter register when we think of our work? Of our church? Of our nation? Will our thanks be loud enough for God to know that we are grateful for His blessings that we can never begin to comprehend?

Hymns

Hymns appropriate for use in the worship service include: *Now Thank We All Our God, We Plough the Fields and Scatter, Come, Ye Thankful People, Come, O God. Beneath Thy Guiding Hand, Praise to God and Thanks We Bring.*

A Thanksgiving Breakfast

Increasingly Christian Endeavor groups are holding a breakfast Thanksgiving morning as an ideal time to rally youth and start the holiday out right. Why not plan one for your group this year? Some start the day with a sunrise service out of doors and then have an out-door "cook-out." Others meet in the church, have the breakfast first and then follow with a brief program.

For the program you will want to sing hymns of Thanksgiving. Use Psalms that express gratitude for the Scripture. Let several members tell of things for which they are grateful. An inspirational message by a suitable speaker can climax the worship period.

Baskets of provisions for those who are less fortunate in the community should be a project of the society. Distribute these a day or two before the holiday.

Poem

THANKSGIVING
by W. M. Maiden
Courtesy *Builders*

For happy days and pleasant hours,
And for sunshine and the showers,
For thy blessings glad and free,
We bring, O Lord, our thanks to thee.

For fruitful fields and hills and dells
And babbling brooks and cooling wells,
For springing flowers that deck our way,
May we be thankful, Lord, we pray.

For homes and friends and kindred dear,
For music's strains that greet the ear,
For restful nights and gladsome days,
Our grateful hearts would give thee praise.

For freedom's light that shines anew,
For noble souls that bade adieu
To all things dear, and went away,
Make us grateful, Lord, today.

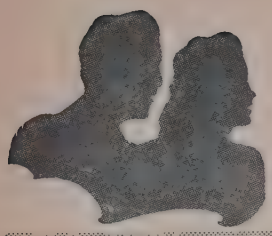
For battles fought and victories won,
For plans for peace yet scarce begun,
For faith in Him who rules above,
May we give thanks and praise and love.

For Father's gift in love sent down,
His perfect life with cross and crown,
For life beyond this vale of tears,
We'll praise thee, Lord, throughout the years.

Now thanks to thee for all these things,
And all the joy Thanksgiving brings;
But one more blessing still impart—
Give me, O Lord, a thankful heart.

Bible Portions

M., Nov. 14. Thank God For His Works. Psalm 75.
T., Nov. 15. Thank God For His Goodness. Psalm 118:1.
W., Nov. 16. Thank God For His Son. John 3:16.
T., Nov. 17. Thank God For His Love. I John 3:1.
F., Nov. 18. Thank God For Light. I John 1:5.
S., Nov. 19. Thank God For Wisdom. James 1:5.
Sun., Nov. 20. Topic—For Blessings Received, Thank God. (Thanksgiving) Psalm 103:1-5; Ps. 100; Psalm 95:1-7a.



Money Goes to Church

No. 2 in a Series: "Gratitude and Stewardship"

Haggai 2:8; Luke 19:13-27; I Corinthians 4:2; Luke 12:16-20

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS) — *NOVEMBER 27* —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting

This is the closing topic of a series on *Gratitude and Stewardship.* Last week, the Sunday preceding Thanksgiving, we thought together on the subject *For Blessings Received, Thank God.* This week's topic is about money, *Money Goes to Church.* This being only three days past Thanksgiving Day we should still be living by its inspiration. Let's remember the day and its purpose as we discuss this topic.

It is the plan this year to bring emphasis on many of Christian Endeavor's foundations such as The Quiet Hour, The Tenth Legion, Life-Work Recruits, and the Pledge. This meeting provides an ideal setting for presenting the "Tenth Legion Pledge." Have one who is well-versed on the subject and well-experienced in its practice available to witness for or present the pledge. Copies of the leaflet *What Is The Tenth Legion?* are available from International Headquarters, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Pledges are printed on the back of these.

Throughout the meeting stress upon the young people the importance of using the proper portion of their money for the Church and God's work. Encourage their giving consistently to the Church, Sunday school, and Christian Endeavor, etc.

God Rules Our Possessions

All that we have and possess are gifts from God. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." (James 1:17). There is nothing that we possess that we could create by ourselves. God is our partner and ruler in all that we call our own.

God does not vary in His treatment of His children. All have the same possibilities, but some do not choose to develop them. Some are blessed with actual money, some with talent, some with charming personality, but all are blessed. The ever familiar story of "the talents" illustrates how we misuse what we have. Some exercise much effort; some put forth very little effort; others only hide what they have for fear of losing it.

A SEED THOUGHT

Think not "Am I to give all this tenth of my money to God?" but rather, "Am I to keep all this nine-tenths of God's money for myself?"

God Guides Our Giving

Although we be blessed with possessions, it is not wise to store them up for ourselves. In one of today's Scripture readings, God says, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" (Luke 12:20.) He teaches us to use our money wisely, and return unto Him His portion.

God promises us great blessings if we share our possessions with Him. Read the familiar verse, Malachi 3:10. He will "open the windows of heaven, and pour out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Christ confirms the teachings of our Heavenly Father in Luke 12:42-48, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required; and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more." (verse 48.)

It matters not how much we have, for Christ says, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much." (Luke 16:10.) Not the amount, but the principle, is the test.

God Causes Us To Be Faithful

Every normal person handles a fortune in a lifetime. To make a quick estimate of that fortune, multiply the working years by the average annual salary. One conservative set of statistics show that most family heads work at least forty years at an approximate salary of $3,000.00 per year. Therefore, a fortune of at least $120,000.00 is thrust into our hands — a fortune for which an accounting must someday be made. On this basis a person should give away at least $12,000.00 in his lifetime. This is the Lord's money, His tithe.

God causes us to be faithful and helps us. He has done much to teach us to see our lives and possessions as stewards. In Luke 19:24, we read "—Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds." How unfair it sounds, but we must read the complete story. Ir we do not use wisely what God has given, even that is taken from us.

I Corinthians 4:2 reads, "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." Some day we will be called upon to give an accounting. Will we be able to give it gladly or very much ashamed?

—And You!—

How are we using our lives and possessions? There are many stories, some humorous, written about the money that does, or doesn't go to church. Thinking in a more serious vein; is it really funny or is it pathetic? Those who do not take God's commands seriously are to be pitied. Those who do not keep their accounts straight with God will some day find themselves faced with a "bill" they cannot pay. We must be honest in our bookkeeping with God!

Many Christian Endeavorers have found that a good way to be honest with God's money is to sign a pledge, promising to set apart one-tenth of one's total income for Christ and the Church. This fellowship of people is called "The Tenth Legion." Symbolic of power, it is named after Caesar's famed Tenth Legion. Everyone, whether he be a seven or eight year old receiving a ten or twenty-five cent allowance, or an adult earning fifty or one hundred dollars a week, is commanded by God to give one-tenth of that amount to His Church and His work. How many fall short of keeping the command of Deuteronomy 14:22-29 and Luke 12:48, but how dare we fail!

Those who follow the practice of tithing faithfully find that the remaining nine-tenths of their income goes farther than the total before giving God His share. Truly, He opens wide the windows of Heaven to shower blessings upon those who believe and follow.

(Have copies of the Tenth Legion Pledge available, and present it to the members at this time. Pray with, and for, the signers.)

Aim Of The Topic

1. To point out how God blesses us with money or its equivalent, and what our obligation is.
2. To consider how our lives and possessions are being used as Christian stewards.

For Discussion

1. What do you possess that God did not give you, or make possible?
2. What do you owe God?
3. List reasons why one should tithe.
4. List some ways that "tithers" can use this money for Christ and His Church.
5. Will you be afraid to give an accounting to God as to how you have used your possessions. Why?
6. Take time for each to figure his weekly or monthly income and what one-tenth of it would be. Discuss the ability and the worth of dedicating it to God.
7. What portion of one's tithe should be given to the local church? Give reasons.
8. Is anyone ever too young to tithe? Why or why not?
9. Is it good to make a pledge to your local church? Give reasons.
10. Ask those who have already practiced tithing to tell of its benefits or blessings.

From The Book of Books

M., Nov. 21. Your Treasure and Your Heart. Luke 12:34.
T., Nov. 22. How To Give. II Cor. 9:6, 7.
W., Nov. 23. Pledge To The Lord. Genesis 28:20-22.
T., Nov. 24. Recognizing God's Ownership. I Chron. 29:11-14.
F., Nov. 25. The Blessing of Giving. Luke 6:38.
S., Nov. 26. Giving And Receiving. Acts 20:35.
Sun., Nov. 27. Topic—Money Goes to Church. Haggai 2:8; Luke 19:13-27; I Corinthians 4:2; Luke 12:16-20.

Our Aims

1. To consider Christian convictions.
2. To gain knowledge of religion that has "backbone."
3. To use our faith when it will count.

Questions

1. Can "wishbones" ever be depended upon? Why?
2. Are "jawbones" ever popular? Why?
3. Why should Christians have "backbone"?
4. What is the example of Jesus in dealing with life situations that demand conviction?
5. How do we develop convictions?
6. Can we have convictions on some unimportant matters and miss out on the important issues where conviction is needed?
7. Why is Colonel Lindbergh an ideal for many people?
8. What made the Apostle Paul a great leader? Quote some of his statements to back up your judgment.

Wishbones, Jawbones, Backbones

Psalm 27:4; I Kings 12:7; I Peter 3:13-18

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Comments by Raymond M. Veh

This Topic

This topic has an unusual subject. But it treats the age-old matter of standing by one's faith. The central thread which ties these three "bones" together is that of strong Christian convictions.

The psalmist said, "One thing have I desired of the Lord." Perhaps this is so unlike us who desire many things. Religion, then, becomes a matter of "wishing will make it so." Let us call this "wishbone" religion.

Then, there is the type of faith or person who talks without thought. It is evident from what they say that they have no central Christian conviction. This is "jawbone" religion. Finally, there is a faith where courage springs from a central conviction in God. This is "backbone" religion.

Are You Only a Wishbone?

"I wish I were a brain." "I wish I had a million." "I wish I had looks." Have you ever made one of these statements? If you haven't, then you have heard others make them. Multitudes live in the world of wishing. They never move forward to fulfill their wishes. Goals in life never get beyond the "wishbone" stage.

Are You a Jawbone?

It's easy to talk. And talk is cheap. Each day we use words, words, words. But do we make our words count? Is what we say worth speaking and listening to? Many times we are just using our jaws in meaningless prattle. And again, some people just "jaw." Everyone and every thing is wrong. "Jawbones" aren't very popular today.

Backbone for Christian Living

As young people today we seriously confront this question: "Do we dare to be like Jesus?" Some people are saying that young people cannot live the Christian life in the midst of the challenges which confront us today. We may as well accept the fact that our job for Christ in 1955 is a difficult one, but this does not mean that it cannot be done. As young people, most of us glory in something difficult. Our churches have sometimes been at fault because they have said—"Come to church and keep out of trouble. In this turbulent world where temptations are so powerful, we offer you a haven of refuge and security." Some of us wish that the church would offer us a bit more difficulty, saying to us: "Come, join with us, for in our day we are going to follow our leader Christ who will get us into the right kind of trouble."

Young men go into aviation, not to get out of peril, but because it is one of the most perilous vocations that they can undertake. Recall Emerson's words about "men who rise refreshed on hearing a threat," and to whom a crisis "comes graceful and beloved as a bride." We like the challenge of this, a hard day to live for Christ. As young people we want to follow Christ, "not because He came to make life easy, but to make us great."

Jesus Made Up His Mind

Even as a boy younger than ourselves Jesus was keenly aware of His responsibility. To His mother Mary, frantically searching for Him, He said, "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

The Bible tells us later that Jesus "went to the synagogue, as His custom was, on the Sabbath day."

He attended God's house regularly.

When Jesus was tempted three times in the wilderness, He answered Satan each time with the words, "It is written . . . "

He knew God's Word.

Before He entered the Garden of Gethsemane for the last time, Jesus had made His decision. How many hours had been spent in prayer and meditation that He might receive strength for the road ahead! Now in this hour of anguish Jesus prayed, "Not my will, but thine, be done."

He knew how to pray.

Our Goals in Life

To have convictions and "backbone" to sustain them must be our goal in life. What kind of character do you want? You will achieve that which you desire to achieve. You will reach the ideals which you set up for yourself if you are determined to do so. But discipline is severely needed in such achievement.

Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh is said to have set about in this systematic fashion to acquire those character traits which have made the entire world admire him. He listed the qualities of character he deemed most worthwhile and checked his own life against those personality goals regularly and systematically. Then he continually persevered in his determination to eliminate the undesirable and acquire the desirable character traits.

Is it any wonder that Colonel Lindbergh has made a real contribution to our generation? Wherever he goes men respect him. So it will be with those who determine to build character according to a consistent pattern. We reach our goals by keeping them clearly before us—in character as in everything else.

Qualities of a Christian

1. *A positive personality.* An inward strengthening which enables one to meet courageously every situation. A realization of Paul's words, "I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me."

2. *A genuine happiness.* One leader expressed it by saying that there was more bubbling over in a Christian group. One of the qualities of a person who knows Christ's presence is a joyousness which radiates from his entire personality.

3. *An inner peace.* A Christian, even in days of rushing, experiences an inner serenity that nothing can disturb.

4. *Love for others.* Christians have a love which is creative enough to make something lovable in all men. This love goes out to all persons, seeking nothing in return.

To experience true Christian living means living in right and creative relationships with God, fellow man and the world. It requires a constant growth, calling for real discipline.

To Develop a Backbone

If you feel uncertain of yourself at times and want to have self-assurance here are a few suggestions:

1. *Make a resolution to waste no time fuming and fretting about your situation.* There's that talk you are to give in Christian Endeavor, or that paper you are to write in English, or that call you ought to make on a Sunday school class member who is sick. Go right at doing it and achieve what must be done eventually.

2. *Find out your strength and your weaknesses.* There are many tests which will help you. Once you know yourself you can make progress in a much more direct fashion.

3. *Quit wishing that you were different.* Why fool yourself with an idealized version? You can't be that movie hero or track star; you can only be yourself. Be your best self. Resolve that you will develop every capacity and talent God has given you.

4. *Commit your life to God and walk in* His way. You can count on God. He will give you strength to conquer every temptation, zest for every task, opportunities to develop every talent. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him."

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Wed., Nov. 23. Possessing Life. I John 5:11, 12.
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Fri., Nov. 25. What Shall We Do? Acts 2:37, 38.
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Magazine Publishes Articles By C. E. Leaders

The World Christian Fellowship number of *The Upper Room,* magazine of daily devotions for family and individual use, contains articles by three Christian Endeavor leaders.

In the September-October issue the devotional material for September 18 was written by Dr. P. C. Krikorian, president of the Syria-Lebanon Christian Endeavor Union. The article for September 20 was authored by Ferdinand Haase, a Christian Endeavor leader from Kassel, Germany, who is now studying at Oberlin College in Ohio. Rev. Hedley W. Plunkett of Belfast, Ireland, honorary general secretary of the Irish Christian Endeavor Union who was a delegate to the World C.E. Convention in Washington in 1954, wrote the meditation for September 28.

ALL IN FUN

Forecasting the coming styles, the fashion editor wrote: "There will be little change in men's pockets this year."

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OUTDOOR POSTERS

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CONFERENCE IN MISSOURI

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DR. POLING IN MICHIGAN

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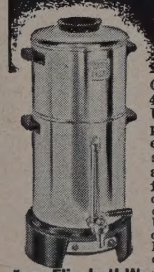
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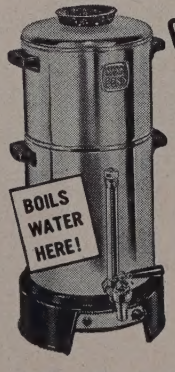

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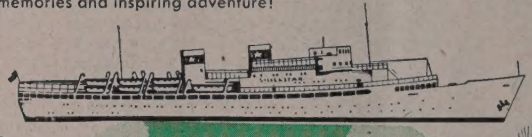

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